

CHOIR BOY BURNED BY YOUTHFUL HAZERS

Boys of St. George's Episcopal Church
Used Hot Grease to Initiate Com-
panion by Branding Cross on
His Stomach.

VICTIM WAS DELIRIOUS THREE NIGHTS

David Skobel, 13 years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Skobel of 3945 Olive street, a choir boy at St. George's Episcopal Church, is in bed at his home as a result of having been burned by the "initiation" which consists in burning a cross on the abdomen.

Attorney John A. Hyde has been retained by the boy's parents in their investigation of the matter.

The hazing took place on the church lot, west of the church, at Pendleton avenue and Olive street, last Saturday night about 10 o'clock, after the rehearsal for the Sunday services.

Investigation of the affair reveals the fact that hazing of this character has been for a long time a regular practice among the choir boys of St. George's, each new boy being compelled to undergo the ordeal of an "initiation" or be ostracized by his associates.

In other words, he must be branded with a cross or branded as a coward. Most of the boys, it appears, have accepted the cross.

There are 18 boys in the choir, but only about half of them were engaged in the "initiation" of David Skobel.

Among the boys who took part in the branding are Frank Breen, 434 Finney avenue; Eugene Dougherty, 1218 Benton street; Joseph Rose, 117 Tyler street; Hill Hancock, 1825 Evans avenue; Frank Devol, 287 Madison avenue; Henry Locher, 616 North Garrison avenue, and Frank and Paul Allen, 230 South Newstead avenue.

BOY BADLY BILTERED.

George Drees of 440 Maryland avenue, aged about 14, the oldest boy in the choir, is said by Attorney Hyde to be the leader of the hazing force. Dr. Drees was a party to the "initiation" of David Skobel, his grandmother happening to call for him at the church just before the boys carried out their plans, which was prearranged.

The Skobel boy, as a result of the hazing, has a number of ugly blisters on his abdomen, from the belt line to the thighs. He was injured otherwise, and his parents say that for two or three days he was delirious at night, apparently in great fear of the boys.

He was taken to the hospital, where he was kept for two or three days, but he was not improved, and he was taken home.

The blisters were made, it is stated by the Skobel boy and admitted by the others, with dripping grease from a lighted candle. The boy says that his tormentors, after branding him and branding his abdomen, spat upon the grease and then applied the flame of the candle to make the grease burn.

The attorney believes, however, that the flame was not applied to the grease, but that the boys dropped the candle, accidentally, in the grease, and then applied the flame of the candle to make the grease burn.

David Skobel, lying in bed, told the Post-Dispatch Saturday morning the following account of the hazing:

"I was told during choir rehearsal last Saturday night that I was to be initiated that night. I was nervous and began to cry. After rehearsal was over we all went out on the steps of the church, and Prof. Mori was there with us. Before he left the boys said they were going to initiate me, and he heard them. He said to me, 'Don't be afraid, David; they won't hurt you much.' Then he took the car and went home."

HE WAS BLINDFOLDED.

"The boys tied my arms and blindfolded me. They made me step up and down the terrace, telling me I was going up hill when I was going the other way, and I fell."

"Then they took me around behind the church on the west side. One of the boys got a stick and told me to get down on my hands and knees. They burned me with a candle, and Joe Rose and Eugene Dougherty went to a grocery store and bought three candles. I think it was one of the Allen boys got some matches."

"The boys threw me down and removed part of my clothes. They burned me with the grease, spit on the places and touched the flame to them. I cried, and, after awhile, they let up and untied me. I was so badly hurt that I could hardly walk home. I got home about 11 o'clock."

The boy's parents say that when he arrived home he was terribly frightened and apparently in great pain. They did not call in a physician, Mrs. Skobel herself being a graduate in medicine.

Mrs. Skobel says the blistered parts were badly swollen for two or three days and caused much pain.

Mr. Skobel sent word to Prof. Mori Sunday morning of the incident. Prof. Mori, who lives at 406 Odell avenue, called at the house and expressed his regret that the boy had been burned.

Mrs. Skobel called on Attorney Hyde during the day and made him acquainted with the facts. Mr. Hyde immediately went to the Skobel home and saw the boy. He

J. K. MURRELL IN CHIHUAHUA

Alleged St. Louis Boodler Is
Located.

SEEN BY A TEXAS CATTLEMAN

HAD A TALK WITH HIM LESS
THAN A WEEK AGO.

Mystery as to the whereabouts of the
Fugitive Member of the House of
Delegates Has Apparently
Been Cleared Up.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

EL PASO, Tex., May 24.—The fugitive, J. K. Murrell, former member of the House of Delegates of St. Louis, charged with accepting a bribe, whose whereabouts have been a mystery to the St. Louis police since he was last seen and recognized in El Paso by Mayor Hammett, is now in Chihuahua, according to a story that reached El Paso today.

Capt. Charles Hunt, a prominent cattleman of this place who has just returned from Chihuahua, brings the story. He is positive that his information is correct.

Hunt states that one of his friends saw Murrell and talked to him at Chihuahua less than a week ago.

ANTICIPATION

Tomorrow's Sunday Post-Dispatch will
be about in interesting stories and good
pictures. Here are some of the features:

The World's Fair race, a composite of the
features of D. R. Francis, Isaac Taylor, W.
H. Thompson and W. B. Stevens.

The flag which will fly over the Louisiana
Purchase Exposition. A beautiful page in
colors.

Jacob Mahler of St. Louis has just re-
turned from Washington, D. C., where he
has been conducting a class in Delicate.

He says the American people are the best
ballroom dancers in the world, and some
other things in a story accompanying a
page of illustrations in color.

Rev. Henry Moore Baum of Washington,
D. C., and archeologist of national prom-
inence, is in St. Louis laying before the Fair
directorate a plan to hold here in the Fair
year a congress for the consideration of the
question of American antiquity.

The pageantry of King Edward's coronation
is the subject of an elaborately illustrated
story tomorrow.

The big game of the United States has
moved west and west until it is centered in
a few places, and map and story will point
them out tomorrow.

C. H. Guthrie, an Olive street merchant,
was several years ago the leader of a
filibustering expedition which went from
Kansas City, Mo., to Central America to
seize the government of Spanish Honduras.

His story tomorrow.

J. George Held, president of the St. Louis
Vegetarian Society, publishes receipts for
many vegetable dishes in tomorrow's Sun-
day Post-Dispatch.

"Sweet Alice" is not sung as Thomas
Dunn English wrote it. The old and the new
poem will be printed in parallel tomorrow.

Illustrations of a party of St. Louisans
at the great Cahokia mound tomorrow. In
the party are Drs. H. M. Baum, C. A. Pe-
tersen, C. H. Riehoff and H. M. Whelpley,
and Messrs. C. E. Thomas, Mott Porter, W.
G. Pettus, Julius Foy and William Papp.

Capt. Lina Beecher built the flip-flop at
Forest Park Highlands. He is the inventor
of the loop-the-loop and built the five struc-
tures now running in the United States. He
tells his story in tomorrow's Sunday Post-
Dispatch.

Alfred Vanderbilt, worth \$50,000,000, drives
a public coach in New York. A story for
tomorrow.

Frederick Chautauk, born in St. Louis 96
years ago, is the oldest living St. Louisan.
His ancestors were librarians to the kings
of France for 300 years and his father was
the first St. Louis scientist. An illustrated
story in tomorrow's Sunday Post-Dispatch.

The St. Louis Ethical Society is study-
ing nature, and it has a class of children
who recently spent a day in nature study
at Forest Park Highlands. An elaborately il-
lustrated story upon this work in tomorrow's
Sunday Post-Dispatch. W. L. Sheldon,
lecturer of the society, tells the story.

Misses Lubbe Scott and Sallie Fish,
two schoolgirls in Nebraska, have their
schools and purchased a farm. They do
all their own work, having not a single
man on the place. Their farm is one of the
finest in the state. An illustrated story of
what two women can do in tomorrow's
Sunday Post-Dispatch.

Dr. Hugo Kadau, the St. Louis Assyri-
ologist, has received from a friend a let-
ter written in Babylonian 400 years ago. It
was found at Tell-Loh, where the French
have been excavating, and came to Dr.
Kadau to be deciphered. He submits the
letter in a handsomely illustrated story in
tomorrow's Sunday Post-Dispatch.

The newest things in hats and collars
are illustrated tomorrow, with a story
concerning them by M. Mullins, fashion-
able dresser of New York and just returned
from Paris.

Funerals are to be made more cheerful in
St. Louis, and there are to be fewer of
them on Sundays. This is the subject of an
illustrated story in tomorrow's Sunday
Post-Dispatch. The leaders of the move-
ment are the talking.

VOLCANIC ASHES IN TEXAS.

CORPUS CHRISTI, Tex., May 24.—Pas-
sengers who arrived on last night's train
from Laredo report that for three days
there has been a heavy fall of volcanic ash
in falling there.

Graduates at Trenton, Mo.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

TRENTON, Mo., May 24.—Seventeen grad-
uates of the Trenton high school received
diplomas at the commencement exercises
held at the Trenton high school today.

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FINDING FIRST CHARRED BODY IN STRICKEN ST. PIERRE

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LORD PAUNCEFOTE, DIPLOMAT, DEAD

English Ambassador to United
States Expires Suddenly.

HE WAS SICK SEVERAL DAYS

BUT DOCTORS THOUGHT THERE
WAS NO IMMEDIATE DANGER.

Represented His Country at Washing-
ton Thirteen Years, During Which
He Won the Confidence of
His Government.



LORD PAUNCEFOTE.

WASHINGTON, May 24.—Lord Pauncefoot, the British ambassador to the United States, died at the embassy this morning at 5:30 o'clock.

The improvement which had been noted in his condition during the past week received a sudden check about 6 o'clock last evening, when it was noticed that he was experiencing difficulty in breathing.

Dr. Jung, his physician, was immediately sent for, and he decided on a consultation with a local physician, in the meantime telegraphing for Dr. Osier of Baltimore.

In his stead came Dr. Thayer of Johns Hopkins University. Arriving about 2 o'clock this morning.

The patient's pulse was still good, and, when Dr. Thayer left the embassy at 3 o'clock for Baltimore, the ambassador was resting so comfortably that a cable-gram was sent to his son-in-law, Mr. Bromley, in London, that there was no immediate danger.

Soon after 2 o'clock a distinct weakness of the heart developed and the pulse began to collapse.

Lord Pauncefoot died so peacefully that it surprised even his physician, who feared that the asthmatic affection would prove troublesome when the end came.

At the bedside when the distinguished diplomat passed away were Mrs. Pauncefoot, the Hon. Maude Pauncefoot, Miss Sibyl and Miss Audrey Pauncefoot. Dr. Jung and Mr. Radford, one of the clerks at the embassy.

No arrangements have been made for the funeral.

WM. SCHAFF DROPPED DEAD.

Heart Disease Supposed to Have
Caused His End.

William Schaaf, about 6 years old, who lived alone in a shanty on Powder street, near Grand avenue, on the Burlington Railroad tracks, dropped dead on the street at 10 o'clock Saturday morning.

He was seen to fall by a number of citizens. The body was removed to the morgue. He had been in North St. Louis but a short time. He was a son of a St. Louis father, and his mother was a St. Louis mother. He was a St. Louis boy.

RAILROAD HEADS IN CONFERENCE

Peaceful Settlement of Wig-
gins Deal Expected Today.

TERMINAL DIRECTORS MEET

OFFICIALS FIVE BIG LINES WERE
INCLUDED IN SESSION.

Rock Island, It Is Stated on Good Au-
thority, Has Tendered Proposi-
tion for Use of the Termi-
nal's Tracks.

Directors of the Terminal Railroad Asso-
ciation, including M. E. Ingalls, president
of the Big Four road; John K. Cowen, re-
presenting the Baltimore & Ohio system;
James McCrea, president of the Vandalia
line; Joseph Ramsey, Jr., president of the
Wabash; Russell Harding, vice-president
and general manager of the Missouri Pacific
system; Julius Walsh, president of the
Terminal company, met at 10 o'clock Sat-
urday morning in the office of General Man-
ager W. C. McChesney at Union Station.

The directors met to discuss the propo-
sition of the Wiggins Ferry Co. to secure
control of the Wiggins Ferry Co. will be
amicably settled at this conference.

Mr. Ingalls of the Big Four, Mr. McCrea
of the Vandalia and other railroad men de-
clared that the Terminal company will "con-
sider" to bring about a harmonious ad-
justment of the pending difficulties between
the Terminal and the Chicago, Rock Island
& Pacific road resulting from the disputed
sale of the Wiggins Ferry properties, but
none of the gentlemen mentioned will ven-
ture the assertion that his hopes will be
realized.

Mr. McChesney reached his office at 9
o'clock Saturday morning. He sent word
to the newspaper men waiting that "his
board of directors would hold a meeting,
and he would be too busy all day to see
anybody."

Messengers were hurrying in and out of
the office, and to quote the phraseology of
one, "there must be something" doing
here today."

M. A. Low, general counsel of the Rock
Island, left St. Louis Thursday night, and
none of the prominent officials of that line
are now in the city.

Rock Island

Wants Terminals.

It can be stated on positive authority,
however, that the Rock Island has submi-
ted a proposition to the Terminal company
to use the latter's St. Louis terminals.

This proposition, so friends of the Rock
Island assert, is in no sense a compromise,
but rather an unequivocal demand for cer-
tain rights and privileges, which the Rock
Island considers it should have, along with
other roads which have effected an entrance
into St. Louis.

This demand, further, is backed up by
the Wiggins Ferry stock, which the Rock
Island is said to control.

If the Rock Island railroad enters into
such an agreement, however, with the Ter-
minal people, the latter will have a greater
monopoly than ever on traffic passing
across the river.

President Ingalls of the Big Four rail-
road made this statement Saturday:

"We are here for the purpose of confer-
ring with the Terminal people. Mr. Walsh called
the meeting, but I do not know what will
be done. No doubt we will take up the Wig-
gins Ferry controversy and perhaps settle it
to the satisfaction of all concerned. In my
judgment the opposition to the Rock Island
is not of such a nature as would keep that
road out of St. Louis."

"We are always inclined to do what we
believe is right and that will be our aim in
dealing with the Rock Island Railroad Co."

CHRIS VON DER AHE SUED FOR DIVORCE

"BOSS PRESIDENT" HAS NEW
MARITAL TROUBLES.

WIFE MENTIONS OTHER WOMEN

She Says They Accompanied Her
Spouse to Theater and Public
Places.

Anna K. Von der Ahe, Saturday, filed
suit for divorce in the Circuit Court against
Christian Von der Ahe.

The petition states that they were mar-
ried at Alton, Ill., in August, 1888, and
separated May 22, 1902.

Mrs. Von der Ahe alleges cruelty and
abuse. She claims that on several occa-
sions she requested the defendant to re-
turn to the home of the marriage, but he
refused to take her, but took other and
numerous women instead.

The petition states that Mr. Von der Ahe
made costly presents to women who called
at all hours at his place of business, known
as the Von der Ahe Liquor Co., Grand and
St. Louis avenues.

BROOKLYN HANDICAP TODAY

Herbert, Advance Guard and Blue are
Favorites—Historic Brooklyn
Race Has Been Run 16
Years.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

NEW YORK, May 24.—The famous
Brooklyn handicap, one of the classic racing
events of the United States, will be run
over the Gravesend track Saturday after-
noon. Eighteen horses are entered to start.

The early track betting follows:

Alfred 120 (Shaw), 15 to 1 and 8 to 1.
Huss 110 (Currier), 4 to 1 and 8 to 1.
Ten Candles 110 (Currier), 25 to 1 and 10 to 1.
Rockingham 115 (Greenan), 20 to 1 and 8 to 1.
Advance Guard 117 (Burns), 9 to 1 and 5 to 1.
Vermont 110 (Jackson), 25 to 1 and 10 to 1.
Kamara 105 (Currier), 50 to 1 and 20 to 1.
Carbide 100 (Shaw), 25 to 1 and 10 to 1.
The Budget 100 (Currier), 20 to 1 and 8 to 1.
Lena 102 (Currier), 10 to 1 and 12 to 1.
Preston 100 (Hodder), 30 to 1 and 12 to 1.
Monogram 100 (Woods), 10 to 1 and 4 to 1.
Sally 85 (Walden), 40 to 1 and 15 to 1.
Fly Wheel 67 (Hooker), 20 to 1 and 12 to 1.
Oom Poo 100 (Daly), 10 to 1 and 4 to 1.

FIRST ST. LOUIS GAME OFF

Second of the Announced "Double
Header" Will Be Played if the
Weather Clears.

At 1:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon the
Post-Dispatch was informed by telephone
from League Park that the game scheduled
for 2 o'clock between St. Louis and Boston
had been called off, but that a game would
be played later in the afternoon if the
weather cleared up.

SMITH DEFEATED HIGH.

Score Was Seven to Six in the Acad-
emy Boys' Favor.

Smith Academy defeated High School in
a closely-contested baseball game at Pas-
time Park Saturday morning by a score of
7 to 6.

PUSHED MOTHER INTO FLAMES

Mrs. Hiram Lauck of Upper Alton Was
Badly Burned by Infant Daugh-
ter's Act.

While bending over a gasoline stove Fri-
day, Mrs. Hiram Lauck, residing on the
Milton road near Upper Alton, was pushed
into the flames by her infant daughter and
seriously burned. The mother was burned
about the face and hands in extinguishing
her on her dress, but the injuries are not
considered serious.

The mother was preparing supper, and
her infant daughter was playing by her
side. As she bent over the stove, the child
playfully pushed her into the flames, and
the mother was badly burned.

MR. FOLK DOUBTS KRATZ'S ESCAPE

He Believes Desmond Knows
Where Fugitive Is.

BOODLER LEFT GUADALAJARA

SOUTH AMERICA THOUGHT TO BE
HIS DESTINATION.

Mexican Detectives Were Employed to
Aid St. Louis Officers, Who Have
Made No Report of
Failure.

Circuit Attorney Folk does not credit the
published report that Charles Kratz, the
fugitive boodler, who has been under con-
stant surveillance at Guadalajara, Mexico, has
slipped through the fingers of Chief of De-
tectives William Desmond and escaped.

Chief Desmond reported officially Thurs-
day by wire that Kratz had changed his lo-
cation, but there was no intimation in Des-
mond's telegram that he did not have the
case as well in hand as at any time since
he reached Mexico and began the game of
trying to get Kratz extradited.

St. Louis officials who are directing the
movements of Desmond have not wired him
asking any further information regarding
Kratz, for they believe that had Kratz made
good his escape and again succeeded in
throwing the sleuths off his scent, Chief
Desmond would have wired for further in-
structions.

Instead they think that Kratz's change of
base indicates that success is about
to meet their efforts. When Mr. Folk went
to Washington and succeeded in getting
Secretary of State Hay to ask the Mexican
government to add bribery to the treaty
then existing and to further ask that the
treaty be made retroactive, it was thought
that the Mexican government would look
with favor upon the request, but nearly a
month would elapse before the treaty could
be closed.

Kratz's leading counsel in Mexico is a
nephew of the minister of foreign affairs.
It would be comparatively easy for him
to ascertain the trend of affairs re-
garding the extradition treaty.

That Kratz made no effort to leave
Guadalajara, even after Desmond arrived
on the scene, indicated that the counsel
he had secured was not a first-class lawyer.
Unless there was a scheme that the boodler
desired by the United States was likely to
be secured, there could be no possible sen-
sation. Desmond has been quoted as saying
his determination to succeed in securing
the extradition of Kratz.

He said that he liked the people and the place, and that
he intended becoming a citizen.

Just about the time that the result of the
Luis Lehmann trial reached St. Louis, Chief
Kratz saw fit to leave. The fact that Leh-
mann was given a penitentiary sentence,
despite the fact that the case against him
was weak as when compared with that
against Kratz, may have been one of the
reasons for the move. However, Chief
Kratz has here do not believe that Kratz
would leave Guadalajara unless he was advised
by Senor Castano, his counsel, who is a
relative of a high Mexican official, and the
official would not have advised that unless
he had good reason to believe that
the demand of the United States was to be
complied with by the Mexican government.

Another thing that strengthens Mr. Folk
and Chief Kiley in their belief that Kratz
has not left Mexico is the fact that he has
disappeared in the silence of Chief Desmond.
While Desmond and Detective McGrath are
on the scene in person, they have not been
expected to exercise a personal watch over
Kratz. They were empowered to employ
Mexican detectives to do the actual work,
and had the latter been retained in their
duty, Desmond would have wired to his
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St. Louis officials say that even if Kratz
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May Heaven Help Despondent
and Hopeless Sufferers
from Kidney Disease to
Accept the New Life
Offered by

Paine's Celery Compound

The Great Medicine Cures
Bright's Disease, Diabetes, Nephritis, and Albuminuria.

Thousands of people suffer through a living death from some form of kidney disease. In a majority of cases, the poor sufferers have been informed by physicians that there is no hope.

If you are a victim of kidney disease, take courage, dear sufferer! There is a mighty saving agent that you have not yet called to your aid; it is Paine's Celery Compound. This grand medical prescription has conquered as desperate cases as yours; it has power to pluck you out of the burning, if you have but the faith to give it a trial.

You may perchance ask, "What will Paine's Celery Compound do for me, that other medicines have failed to accomplish?"

Paine's Celery Compound will accomplish vastly more for you in your distress than you can imagine. Its first great vital undertaking is the purification of the life stream from waste matter, the result of decomposition of the tissues. It will remove all morbid materials, saving you from uraemic poisoning, which so often proves fatal in kidney disease.

In addition to all this, Paine's Celery Compound will establish nerve force and new nerve fibre; it will nourish the weakened system and restore the full vital functions of the kidneys.

If you value life, delay not the use of Paine's Celery Compound a single hour. Your present critical condition demands the immediate use of this great life saver. Emma Doty, of Red Butte, Wyo., saved by Paine's Celery Compound from fatal kidney disease, writes as follows: "I had a terrible pain in my side owing to kidney troubles. I could hardly lie down; but that trouble has all left me through the use of Paine's Celery Compound. Last spring I had mountain fever and was sick a long time; since taking Paine's Celery Compound I am strong. I feel very grateful for your medicine. I am glad to say anything that would encourage people to use it."

DIAMOND DYES color anything any color. Never fades. Never fades.

WOMAN TRAMPLED BY RUNAWAY HORSE

Mrs. Charles Jones was seriously injured.

PHYSICIAN'S FOOT WAS HURT

Animal Belonging to Dr. W. G. Moore Created Panic on Vandeventer Avenue.

A runaway horse on North Vandeventer avenue Friday afternoon, as published in late editions of the Post-Dispatch, caused serious injury to Mrs. Charles Jones of 4307 Easton avenue and a slight hurt to Dr. G. C. Lyda of 3900 Locust avenue.

The runaway horse belongs to Dr. W. G. Moore of 88 Vandeventer place. Attached to the horse was a harness in front of Dr. Moore's residence when it took flight and broke loose, dashing out from Vandeventer avenue.

Dr. Lyda was driving south on the avenue when the runaway horse appeared. He was unable to turn out in time, and to save himself from being caught in the wreck he jumped from his buggy, breaking a small bone in one foot.

Mrs. Jones, who had just left the residence of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Walter Jones, at 328 Windsor place, was on the sidewalk in front of 1038 North Vandeventer avenue, when she was knocked down by the runaway and was picked up by Dr. Moore. She was one of the first to arrive. He attended the injured woman, and she was carried to the home of Mrs. Walter Jones, who had faintly away when some of the children of the neighborhood ran into the house announcing that her sister-in-law had been killed by a car.

BOY NOT A KLEPTOMANIAC

Clyde Fariss, Released From Insane Asylum, Says He Will Go to New York to Ride as a Jockey.

Clyde G. Fariss of Jackson, Tenn., 17 years old, who was sent to the City Insane Asylum from the City Hospital early in May as an alleged kleptomaniac, has been released from the latter institution. A relative of the boy, John H. Moore of 4418 Washington boulevard, caused his commitment to the City Hospital for observation.

Young Fariss admits that formerly he appropriated many articles that did not belong to him, but says that he has taken to his old ways. He says that he has taken to his old ways. He says that he has taken to his old ways. He says that he has taken to his old ways.

THE BREAKFAST CUP

On Being Tired or Troubled.

Change in food and drink will sometimes make over even elderly people and restore them to natural health.

A man of 70 writes that at the age of 60 he began to break down and was a partial invalid until 67, when he concluded that coffee was one of the prime causes of his sickness, and began using Postum Food Coffee in its place with Grape-Nuts Breakfast Food and some fruit at his meals.

He says, "Now at the age of 70 I am as strong and hearty as I was at 50. I would not go back to my old mode of living for a hundred thousand dollars."

This man was a pioneer in Illinois in 1827, later was an early settler in N. Dakota. He requests that his name shall not appear in print. Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

AMERICANS' WIFE GONE, HE MANAGED HIMSELF

John C. Johnson Ended His Life Saturday Morning.

GREAT CROWD AT UNVEILING.

COUNTS ROCHAMBEAU PULLED AWAY THE COVERING.

President Roosevelt, Ambassadors Cambon and Porter, Gen. Brugere and Senator Lodge Were the Orators at the Ceremony.

WASHINGTON, May 24.—The President of the United States today joined with the official representatives of the French republic in unveiling the statue of Marshal de Rochambeau, the compatriot of Washington, the commander-in-chief of the French forces in America during the revolutionary war.

It was an event combining many demonstrations of international goodwill with mingling their cheers with American blue-jackets. French flags entwining their folds with the stars and stripes and with oratory and music expressive of Franco-American friendship.

The ceremony for unveiling was fixed for 11 o'clock this morning, but long before that hour the streets were thronged with marching men and with a great crowd eager to witness the exercises and review.

A battalion of French soldiers arrived by special train from Annapolis early in the day, and headed by the crack band from the French battleship, swung through Pennsylvania avenue to Lafayette Square, where the shrouded figure of the French field marshal awaited the signal for unveiling. The American soldiers, sailors and marines already had assembled and save their French brothers-in-arms a hearty welcome.

The American troops were under command of Major-General S. B. M. Young, and embraced engineers, a battalion of sailors and marines with a field artillery, and a brigade of national guardsmen from the District of Columbia. The United States military and naval forces.

President Roosevelt and the members of the cabinet arrived at the reviewing stand shortly before 11 o'clock and took position facing the draped figure. Alongside the presidential party sat the French ambassador, M. Cambon, Gen. Brugere, Admiral Fournier and other distinguished representatives of the French government, and also the Count de Rochambeau and Count de La Fayette, descendants of the French soldiers who fought with Washington.

Cardinal Gibbons was to have opened the exercises with an invocation, but in his unavoidable absence, the Rev. Dr. Stafford Smith, of the Episcopal church, stepped to the front of the platform and extended a generous welcome to the French guests.

President Roosevelt closed his remarks, the Count de Rochambeau drew aside the veil enveloping the figure, bringing into view the massive bronze proportions of the famous French commander standing proudly erect with arm outstretched, directing the fortunes of war on the field of Yorktown.

A great cheer went up from Frenchmen and Americans alike, and at the same instant, the Marine band played the "Marseillaise."

As the French national hymn died away, the Count de Rochambeau drew aside the veil enveloping the figure, bringing into view the massive bronze proportions of the famous French commander standing proudly erect with arm outstretched, directing the fortunes of war on the field of Yorktown.

Following the French ambassador, Gen. Brugere, the United States ambassador, Mr. Bayard, and the French minister of war, M. Buge, spoke.

The Count de Rochambeau, who began his address as the French commander, selected a selection of the French national hymn, "Marseillaise," and played the "Star Spangled Banner." The French and American forces passed in review before the President.

Suburban service to Clifton Terrace, Rieh, Alton, Elsie, Chautauque and Gratton, will be put in effect June 1. Low commutation, 10c, and Sunday and holiday rates, 15c. Pina Chautauque Assembly July 10 to Aug. 6. Program in full can be had at C. P. & St. L. ticket office, 208 N. Fourth street.

LORENS Ewanchuk Wrecked Machine of Night Toller and Was Fined Five Dollars.

Lorens Ewanchuk, who is opposed to overtime work in cases where his slumber is disturbed by it, was fined \$5 and his license Saturday for demolishing a machine owned by a button maker who lives on the floor below him at 284 Missouri street.

Ewanchuk heard the button machine at work when he went to bed Friday night, but lay down in the hope that the noise would soon cease, or that he would be able to sleep in spite of it.

Two sleepless hours passed, and the restlessness "thump, thump" of the machine was not abated. Ewanchuk arose and pounded on the floor with a stick. Still the noise continued.

"I've got to finish this job before morning, if it takes me all night," said Ewanchuk when his neighbor came downstairs with his protest.

Then the dweller on the upper floor seized a hatchet and the machine was demolished with one stroke. Before he had time to seek his coat again he had been snatched away to the Carr street police station.

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HICKMAN FUNERAL HELD

Former Trunk Manufacturer's Remains Were Interred in Bellefontaine Cemetery.

The funeral of Benjamin A. Hickman, who died Thursday, was held Saturday morning from the family residence, 2527 Taylor avenue. Rev. John D. Vinell and Rev. Charles M. Rauch conducted the services, and the members of West Gate Masonic lodge accompanied the remains to Bellefontaine Cemetery.

Mr. Hickman was formerly one of the largest trunk manufacturers in the West. For two years before his death he had been connected with the P. C. Murphy Trunk Co. as a traveling salesman.

The pallbearers were V. S. Bell, Charles Harridge, H. B. Steel, Sam Abel, Charles McAllister and G. D. Wallis.

Mr. Hickman was 72 years old, and left a widow, three sons and two daughters. Joseph Hickman lives at Seneca, Mo. Sarah Hickman at St. Charles, Mo. Arthur and Misses Grace and Ruth Hickman and their mother, Benjamin Hickman, at the family home.

CLAY PLANT AND FEED STORE WERE DESTROYED.

TIED ROPE TO STAIRCASE BUILDINGS WERE FRAME

FRIEND THINKS HE BROODED OVER ABSENCE OF WIFE.

Bride of Man Who Had Been in St. Louis but Three Days Left Him in Philadelphia Two Years Ago Because He Drank.

John C. Johnson, a Dane, aged 45 years, who had been in St. Louis only three days, committed suicide early Saturday morning by hanging himself in a rooming house he had rented at 616 North Leonard avenue.

His friend and companion, Lars Hansen, also a native of Denmark, discovered his dead body at 6 o'clock suspended by a rope fastened to the railing of the staircase leading from the second to the third floor. Johnson gave Hansen no intimation that he intended to kill himself and left no note explaining his reason for desiring to die.

He was agitated Friday over a business matter, but Hansen does not think he could have worried over it sufficiently to wish to end his existence.

Hansen's theory is that Johnson brooded over his desertion April 1 by his young and pretty wife, who was only 18 when he married her two years ago in Philadelphia.

The business matter that agitated Johnson Friday was the action of the persons whom he succeeded in the tenancy of 616 Leonard avenue in removing certain sheets, pillows and bed clothing which he understood to be included in his bill of sale.

Johnson bought the furniture of the house through the agency of the W. J. Glasgow Brokerage Co., 322 Chestnut street. The price was \$200. He paid \$50 cash. When he took possession Friday he found that the beds were bare.

FEED STORE BURNED.

The fire communicated with the two-story frame structure on the east, at 5701 Manchester avenue, occupied by H. W. Beck & Sons. This building was filled with hay, oats, corn, feed and seed. The building was old and was as dry as tinder. Once on fire there was no stopping it, and in an incredibly short while the building and its contents, valued at \$30,000, was reduced to ashes.

At the rear of the feed store stands the residence of John Jones. This building is a two-story frame. Jones saw the danger that threatened his home, and attaching his garden hose, he had a stream playing on the building long before the actual danger arrived. He had the building so thoroughly saturated with water that it did not take fire and the place was damaged not to exceed \$200.

CIRCUIT JUDGE IS CRITICISED

PIKE COUNTY CITIZENS CALL MASS MEETING.

Five residents of Griggsville, Pike County, Ill., have issued a call for a meeting to be held at Griggsville, on Monday, May 25, at 10 o'clock a. m., to discuss the action of Circuit Judge Van Sellers in throwing out of court the case of Frank Newman, who was arrested after the killing of Michael Corcoran, near Valley City.

Corcoran was killed on December 11, 1900. Newman, who is a wealthy citizen of Griggsville, was arrested in the following month. The case had several continuances, and came to trial three weeks ago.

According to Hansen, Johnson came from Randers, Denmark. By trade he was a sausage butcher. He came to America two years ago, opened a rooming house in Philadelphia, and made money. Hansen was his clerk at the rooming house.

"He married a young and pretty girl," said Hansen, "but they didn't get along. When she left him, he began to drink. He couldn't stand to live in Philadelphia. He sold his rooming house and came to St. Louis with the purpose of running a rooming house during the World's Fair. He just got into the house yesterday morning. In Johnson's pockets were found \$10.00. The money was turned over to the police and will be held with the furniture and Johnson's trunk for the public administration."

Hansen says he does not know where Johnson's wife is.

E. W. Grove.
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MISS BATES AND PUPILS.

Pleasing Entertainment at Which a Child Violinist Was a Feature.

The closing entertainment by Miss F. A. Bates' pupils was given at the Century Theater last evening and was a most successful affair. The little dancers were seen at their best and gave a most unique entertainment. The only musical feature was violin playing by little Senta Retter, the 6-year-old daughter of Louis Retter of the Casselman avenue. Her selections were the Meisters from "Il Trovatore," and for her encore an arrangement of "The Swan Song," which she played in a wonderfully brilliant manner.

Little Miss Retter first played in public when but 4 years old, when she played for the St. Louis Exposition. She has also appeared at many musical entertainments, and she plays any ordinary piece of violin music at sight. At her first concert she used a quarter-size instrument, a fine affair, imported from Europe.

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PEACE RUMORS CIRCULATED

Indicate Negotiations for Settlement of Coal Strike Are On, but Nothing Definite Is Known.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., May 24.—Peace rumors are again in the air.

Around strike headquarters today President Mitchell's actions did not give the slightest indication that he was considering any proposition from the other side or that he was looking for anything that could lead to a settlement of the strike.

Athletic events are being held at Griggsville, where the strike field showed that every locality was quiet.

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\$75,000 FIRE IN CHELTENHAM

Blaze Which Started in Plant of the Mitchell Clay Manufacturing Co. Spread to Store of H. W. Beck & Sons.

SPARKS FROM FURNACE FELL ON THE ROOF.

The plant of the Mitchell Clay Manufacturing Co. and the feed store of H. W. Beck & Son in Cheltenham, were destroyed by fire early Saturday morning, causing a loss of more than \$75,000.

The fire was discovered at 1:45 o'clock. It originated in the two-story frame building of the Mitchell Clay Manufacturing Co. at 1625 Manchester avenue. Sparks from one of the furnaces fell on the roof of the structure and ignited it. The flames gained headway rapidly and were not discovered until the entire roof was one mass of fire.

An alarm was turned in, but when the fire department arrived the flames had nearly devoured the big frame structure, filled with valuable machinery for manufacturing bricks and ornamental clay building material, and had communicated with a two-story brick building used for storage and stables. Other smaller buildings within the inclosure were also burned and the entire plant was destroyed. The police estimate the loss on the plant will reach \$46,000.

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RAIN DID NOT STOP SCHOOL FESTIVAL

GAILY DRESSED CHILDREN FILLED STREET CARS.

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Rain and no shine came a half hour later, and big drops commenced to fall. But it was too late to turn back. The children, who had been waiting at the Fair Grounds on a half dozen street cars for two hours, and it was decided to go on with the festivities as far as possible.

On every line leading to the Fair Grounds directly or by a transfer, special cars were run for the children. The Jefferson avenue line carried a string of these extra cars, hauling the children from schools south of the railroad tracks.

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STATE'S WITNESSES ALL DEAD.

Regular Reason for Quashing Indictment Is Given.

NEW YORK, May 24.—Theodore Burg, who, on Sept. 13, 1888, shot and killed Dr. Adolph Nookin, in this city, and who was declared insane after having been indicted for murder, and since confined in an insane asylum, has been discharged from his confinement. When the case was called the district attorney announced that the state's witnesses were dead, and the case was quashed.

Forester, League Quilts excursion, 5.10, Sunday, May 25. Leave 1.30 a. m. at Union Station.

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THE PEOPLE'S POPULAR "WANT" ADVERTISEMENTS

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The Post-Dispatch is the great want medium because it is the great home paper.

Hardly anybody believes that Senator Hoar is a copperhead. It doesn't matter how many caves are found in Missouri so long as we don't stumble upon any volcanoes.

Heated arguments in Congress this summer may generate dangerous gases. Is the roof of the capitol well secured?

The fitting of the Beef Trust to New Jersey with the books and papers which would have been useful in convicting it is a very convincing fact.

The illing-hull steamship that is to bring fuel oil to St. Louis should be hastened in its building. The whole country wants fuel oil wherever it can be used.

REMOVE THE INHABITANTS.

The governor of Martinique has cabled his government at Paris advising against the evacuation of the island, either partial or total. The council, he says, is "unanimous in declaring that such a measure is not justifiable at present."

However that may be, late reports indicate a continuation of volcanic activity and panic terror prevails among the inhabitants. The entire Caribbean region is involved and the destruction of Martinique is predicted by geologists.

In view of the awful fate of St. Pierre and the imminent peril threatening the rest of the island, would it not be wise and humane to carry the people to Porto Rico? Our government has already borne the heaviest burden of relief and is most active in rescue work. Cannot France and the United States furnish transports immediately to remove every man, woman and child from the place of death?

When the volcano subsides, as it must when the fiery substances pressing upward have been thrown out, those who wish to return may do so, and France can make provision for those who prefer a safer home.

The proposal is not fantastic or Quixotic, but the plain indication of common sense and humanity.

If the new republic of Cuba is to release imprisoned American criminals it is to be hoped she will induce them to remain with her while they have their freedom. They might want to return to the United States.

SYNDICATE THE PROPHET.

Mr. C. E. Thomas of Paris, Tex., has set up in the prophecy business and seems to be prospering mightily. He foretold Mr. McKinley's first and second elections, the Spanish war and the assassination. Besides these capital events he gave out anterior information of the St. Louis cyclone, the Chicago labor riot and the battle of Manila.

Mr. Thomas' latest flyer in long-range knowledge is that Alfonso XIII of Spain is destined to become the greatest monarch the world ever saw. He will conquer France, Portugal, Austria and Italy and William's empire will be blotted out.

A man with a gift like this can become a benefactor. For instance, if he knows that Smith is going to fall down an elevator shaft tomorrow morning, a timely warning will save him from that unhappy fate. Smith won't go near the shaft. In like manner Jones is going to buy for a rise. A notice to him that there will be no rise, but a fall, will enable him to shape his course accordingly.

In short, with Thomas in the public service, what shall be won't be, unless it is agreeable. This suggests the pertinent inquiry why Mr. Thomas has not employed Mr. Morgan to syndicate him? All other good things are being merged. Why not the gift of prophecy?

Though burdened with royalty, Spain has been relieved of the terrible load of the Philippines. She ought to be patient until her relief can be made complete.

BELEAGUED CONSERVATISM.

A curious example of political wrongheadedness is the organization in England of the Industrial Freedom League. The purpose is to fight public ownership of public utilities.

So far as England is concerned, this looks much like locking the stable door after the horse is stolen. The movement toward municipal ownership is so strongly that resistance is hardly practical.

Mr. W. H. Dickenson, formerly chairman of the London County Council—the governing board of the metropolis—observes that the opponents of municipal ownership have undertaken a forlorn hope if they expect to convince the people that it would be a good thing to give back to private capitalists the street railways, gas, electric light and other utilities now owned by the public. Moreover, addressing himself to conditions in the United States, Mr. Dickenson says that if we desire to drive out the bootleggers, the quickest and surest way to do it would be to adopt municipal ownership.

Whatever be the merits of public ownership, the argument for it which obtains widest and readiest acceptance is the boding, which seems to be of an element of private ownership. Advocates of the present mode of doing public business by private contract or franchise should make a note of this.

The higher coal prices go the more temptation there is to cheat in weights. To people who do not have much money to burn, short weights are a serious matter. The New St. Louis ton of coal must be made a full one.

LONG-LIVED WOMEN.

A writer in a current periodical observes that "a woman to be pitied is the woman with fixed, set, conventional ideas." Women who stop growing mentally, who shut the door on new ideas and fresh thought, lose the best part of life. A woman ought to be in her prime at 80 and enjoy life at 80.

Intellectual interest and activity are the secret of long and vigorous life. Herbert Spencer is still working, a contented octogenarian. Gladstone, Huxley, Darwin, Bismarck and other workers lived past 80 and Leo XIII still lives, aged 85.

The same longevity among intellectually active women is observed. Not long ago Julia Ward Howe, aged 82, recited with fire and vigor the "Battle Hymn of the Republic," thrilling an audience which filled Carnegie Hall. Susan B. Anthony, now 81 years old, is full of spirit and pluck. Clara Barton, president of the Red Cross, is 75, but is able to go to the other end of the earth on errands of mercy. She is now in St. Petersburg on business of her society.

Other examples will occur to the reader. All illustrate the fact that in thought, active, vigorous thought, and diligent cultivation of ideas are life and health. Don't think today as you thought yesterday. If you do, you will think just that way ten or twenty years hence and will be very uninteresting. This doesn't mean that you are to change your mind with every change in current opinion. It means that you should feed your mind with ideas and make it grow. It will be the same, but different. And your profit will be long life, filled with happiness and youthful interest.

The hotel business has grown in St. Louis as well as every other. The demand for good hotels is a result of the World's Fair in part only. It is simply a manifestation of the city's ceaseless growth.

THE INSURANCE CRISIS.

It seems to be agreed among the local business men and insurance experts that the crisis in the insurance situation in St. Louis is due to two causes—hostile legislation and excessive fire losses.

These two causes are not in any way connected. They work separately. A distinct remedy must be applied to each. The question of dealing with excessive fire losses is purely local. It relates to the personnel and equipment of the fire department, the methods of building and fire inspection.

There ought to be a searching inquiry into all of these matters. The fire department should be brought to a high state of efficiency. The building ordinances should be strictly enforced and all buildings subjected to effective inspection.

This is work for the municipal administration and it should be attended to at once. The state legislature must take up the question of insurance legislation. The law should be fair, considering all the conditions of the insurance business. Laws that drive insurance companies out of the state, or that make it difficult for them to do business in the state, strike not only at the insurance companies, but at all citizens of the state. The law should be equitable and fairly administered.

But our municipal administration should go to work to reduce fire losses. Let us have the best possible protection from fires.

The Chicago woman's club that has forbidden war books for children has done well, though they have made life a little dull for the boys who delight to read of battles and look at battle pictures. Why do we have so many bloody-minded infants?

A MISSIONARY RELIGION.

The Salt Lake Herald declares that 100 converts to Mormonism were baptized in Ohio in 1901, over 300 in Pennsylvania, and over 1300 in the southern states.

This does not look like progress. And an interesting fact is that Mormons are never reconverted to their old faith or lack of faith. Once a Mormon always a Mormon.

In 1870 Utah contained 88,374 inhabitants, of whom 80,000 were Mormons. In 1890 the population was 276,740, 230,000 being Mormons. There are now more than 300,000 adherents of the strange faith in the United States.

As a missionary religion Mormonism is worth studying. Whatever may be its vices, it certainly has the virtue of pushing, aggressive life.

A London scientist partly relieves the world with a statement that the position of the sun and moon on last Thursday caused the blowing up of Pelee. He finds that the sun and moon also caused the Galveston disaster. The explanation of a great calamity is as necessary as the arrival of a policeman after a house has been robbed and the burglar has disappeared. The Martinique people ought to have been signaled from London.

The Danes have another reason for getting rid of their three lava piles in the West Indies. But the question is beyond them now. The people of the islands must choose whether they will sink into Tophet under the Danish flag or beneath the folds of the star-spangled banner.

The atrocities testified by officers and soldiers are spoken of in political organs as "alleged cruelties." It is interesting to hear that the officers and soldiers have not been telling the truth. Certainly the Filipinos have not been allowed to testify.

Farmer John Duncan of Kentucky finds something to place to the credit of the troublesome English sparrow. It has an intense hatred of the "17-year locusts," and attacks and pulls them to pieces whenever it sees them.

Thomas B. Reed is said to be making a good deal of money in the law, and perhaps he has no time to further express his "copperhead" sentiments in regard to our Philippine mess.

Naturally John Bull thinks we are only pretending to give Cuba her independence. He knows what he would do himself if Cuba were as near to him as she is to us.

The ancient Kings of England mounted war horses. King Edward mounts an automobile and makes much better time and has a better time.

True loyalty is well expressed in Herbert Spencer's latest writing. To denounce such a man as a traitor is supremely absurd.

POST-DISPATCH SNAP SHOTS.

The government prophet's untried rains would make a great river.

In 1904 the banner of France will once more float over the River des Peres.

What a changed man grand old Albert Pike would have been with a lawn-mower haircut.

It seems that as much gambling is going on in Havana as in cities of the United States.

The Massachusetts fighter who has just been killed in a "contest" with a negro pugilist seems to have had no prejudices.

Exorbitant prices for coal may develop a tornado blast in the United States that will asphyxiate more than one great combination.

Admiral Dewey says his men drank no liquor on the day of the battle of Manila. Perhaps it was the Spaniards who had the "booze."

The French balloonists say they have found a stratum of warm atmosphere at a height of 10,000 meters. It is to be hoped that these aeronauts are not giving us anything like hot air.

B. COHN.—Mt. Pelee is 4430 feet high.
P. W.—The letters "I. e." mean "I'd est." "that is."

GILL.—There is no premium on a 5-cent nickel of 1883.
J. E. H.—Phelim O'Toole lost his life in the Southern Hotel fire.

W. R. LAWRENCE.—There is no premium on a quarter of 1883, with arrow.

W. R. PERRY.—There is no premium on any of the coins you describe.

READER.—There is no premium on the Canadian and other foreign coins.

MARK.—Gaw's Garden is open first Sunday in June and first Sunday in September.

J. T. RYDER.—We haven't the quotations. Write to Butchers and Packers' Gazette, St. Louis.

SUBSCRIBER.—W. J. Bryan never ran for Congress on Independent ticket against regular Democratic nominee.

YENOLAM.—If you were born June 6, 1884, you will be 21 years old June 6, 1905. The day of the week has nothing to do with it.

K. F. L.—During first four months of 1902, 178,000 immigrants arrived in this country. There is no law against the immigration of Filipinos.

OLD SUBSCRIBER.—The only periodical of the kind listed in the directory is American Cider and Vinegar, New York. It is the latest annual.

E. L. B.—The only way to overcome fear is to overcome it. Deny it and assert your own shouldn't tremble. Don't tremble even in the presence of death. About your lunches, better eat when you feel inclined and stop thinking about it.

E. K.—What nonsense you talk. Why do you call him a gentleman? He is either a fool or a cad or an uncouth chub who must have some sense whipped into him. Send him about his business and in future be a little scarier of your maiden presence. Girls must not tolerate such goings on.

SCHOOLGIRL.—The answer can't tell you what the metaphysicians mean when they speak of the "soul pressing out." Ask them. However, they probably mean that the good in man, the affection for what is good and true, the pure spirit, mind, character, etc., when they feel that the good in man, the affection for what is good and true, the pure spirit, mind, character, etc., when they feel that the good in man, the affection for what is good and true, the pure spirit, mind, character, etc., when they feel that the good in man, the affection for what is good and true, the pure spirit, mind, character, etc., when they feel that the good in man, the affection for what is

POST-DISPATCH DAILY RECORD OF MARKETS AND FINANCES

FINANCIAL FINANCIAL

WEEK CLOSED IN BULLISH GLOW

LOCAL BANK STOCKS FINISHED AT BEST PRICES.

CENTRAL INSURANCE HIGHER

Mississippi Valley Trust Again Quite Strong and Mounted to \$480—Lincoln More Active.

Reported daily by Wasserman-Rosenberg Bond and Stock Co., St. Louis.

A number of exciting events caused a very bullish close of the week on the St. Louis Stock Exchange Saturday. There was heavy buying of many bank stocks which have previously only shown latent firmness.

In a general way, however, the market exhibited a tone of strength which extended to all portions of the banking and trust company list. Other departments were neglected.

Another forward movement took place in the market for Third National Bank stock, which rose buoyantly to \$291.50 at the close, compared with \$285.50 Friday. This is the highest figure on record for this security. The last selling offer was \$282.

Central National Bank stock, which was up and undivided profits are over twice as much as in the capital, was up to \$277.50, after which it literally leaped up to \$286, where 25 shares sold with the market bid. The gain over Friday in this stock was the largest of any local listing, being \$13.

Twenty-five shares American Exchange National Bank stock at \$217, which was bid for more than the stock offered.

Continental National Bank stock was quoted at its regular semi-annual dividend of 4 per cent and offered at \$220, with \$217 bid.

There was a little National Bank of Commerce for sale at \$306.75 and \$309.50, but it was readily taken at that price and more wanted. The stock was freely bid at \$300.

American National Bank stock at \$225 and \$227, and Boatmen's Bank was a shade better at \$225.

There was a demand for Mechanics National Bank stock at \$278.50, a gain of \$3.50 over Friday. It was offered in a limited way at \$281.

For the first time in many days Lincoln Trust Co. stock showed a sign of life, awakening and was bought to the amount of 50 shares at \$285.50. The last bid was \$282.50, with \$285 asked.

The price for Mississippi Valley Trust was moved up sharply on Friday to \$450, up to \$460, where 50 shares sold, and \$465.50 bid, with \$480 asked.

Germania Trust stock sold at \$230.50 and \$210 and old Mercantile Trust again commanded \$225 for the stock at the close.

In American Central Insurance, there was an advance of \$5.75 to \$231, which was previously bid for the stock at the close, but there were no more for sale.

Fracture in the market for stock without interest. St. Louis Transit selling in an inconsequential way at \$12.50 and the preferred at \$4, while the 4s were bought at \$7.75.

ST. LOUIS MONEY MARKET.

Business was active in banking and trust circles today. There was a fair demand for local and country business loans. Rates were steady. The market for time loans (clearings) was \$4.45, with balances of \$580,149.

FULL CALL-QUOTATIONS.		
	Bid.	Askd.
Colonial Trust	\$222.50	\$223.00
Commonwealth Trust, old	200.00	210.00
Lincoln Trust	285.50	291.50
Germania Trust	230.50	231.00
Mercantile Trust, old	420.00	430.00
Mercantile Trust, new	420.00	430.00
Mississippi Valley Trust	450.00	460.00
Continental Bank	123.00	
National Bank	285.50	286.00
Central Bank of Commerce	285.50	286.00
American Exchange	285.50	286.00
Boatmen's Bank & T. Co.	297.00	300.00
Boatmen's National	370.50	370.00
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